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SUBJ: COTONOU BRIDGE DAM

REF: (A) COTONOU 1091, (B) COTONOU 1092, (C) STATE 165338,
(D) STATE 165303

1. REDSO ANALYSIS OF REFS A AND B INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:

A. ARTICLE I OF REF A APPEARS SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE
AVAILABILITY OF FIRST YEAR FUNDS (PARA 3 REF B)

B. ARTICLE II REF A GUARANTEES FUNDING FOR APPROACHES
(\$4.5 MILLION PER PARA 3 REF B)

C. ARTICLE III REF A GUARANTEES FUNDING OF PRICE
ESCALATION (\$2.2 MILLION PER PARA 3 REF B). CONCUR
WITH AID OFF SUGGESTION ON OBTAINING CLARIFICATION
PARA 4 REF B.

D. ARTICLE IV REF A IS SUFFICIENT TO PLACE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GUARANTEES.

2. HOWEVER OUR ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS SHOWS THAT
\$.7 MILLION REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF BRIDGE
BEYOND THAT AVAILABLE UNDER AID LOAN
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IS NOT COVERED IN DIP NOTE GUARANTEE ALTHOUGH IT IS

COVERED IN REF B DISBURSEMENT PLAN AND PROJECT
COST ANALYSIS.

3. CALCULATION AS FOLLOWS:

\$10.2 MILLION CONSTRUCTION COST
1.4 MILLION A AND E COST
11.6 MILLION TOTAL

MINUS 10.9 MILLION AID CONTRIBUTION

LEAVES .7 MILLION NOT COVERED IN GUARANTEE

THIS ASSUMES THAT \$10.2 MILLION IS TOTAL COST FOR FOUR
LANE REPEAT FOUR LANE LANE SUPERSTRUCTURE AND FOUR LANE
SUBSTRUCTURE. IF THIS ASSUMPTION INCORRECT AND \$10.2
MILLION IS FOR ONLY TWO LANE SUPERSTRUCTURE THEN GPRB
WILL HAVE TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THE \$.7 MILLION PLUS
ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT REMAINING TWO LANES
WILL BE PROVIDED.

4. WITH RESOLUTION OF ABOVE, REDSO CAN APPROVE ISSUANCE
OF LETTER STATING THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT CP DEALING WITH
BORROWERS CONTRIBUTION IS SATISFIED. ACTION REQUIRED
OF AIDOFF IS TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES THAT ANY COST ABOVE
AID LOAN NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT FOUR REPEAT FOUR LANE
SUPERSTRUCTURE AND FOUR LANE SUBSTRUCTURE. IF SUCH
ASSURANCES SECURED, AIDOFF AUTHORIZED TO INDICATE
AID APPROVAL.

5. FIND THAT EVEN THOUGH PLAN NOT PRECISELY WHAT
WAS REQUESTED IT DOES INDICATE EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL
PLANNING HAS BEEN DONE AND INDICATES CLEAR
WILLINGNESS OF GPRB TO ACCEPT SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT. WE HOPE THAT REMAINING
ITEM ABOVE CAN EASILY BE
CLARIFIED

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6. REDSO WILL DEVELOP LANGUAGE FOR ANNEX I
MODIFICATION EARLY IN NEXT WORK WEEK.

7. APPRECIATE ALL THE FINE EFFORTS ON PART OF GPRB
U.S. EMBASSY, AIDOFF, AND CONTRACTORS TO MOVE THIS
CONTRACTING PROCESS. SMITH

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